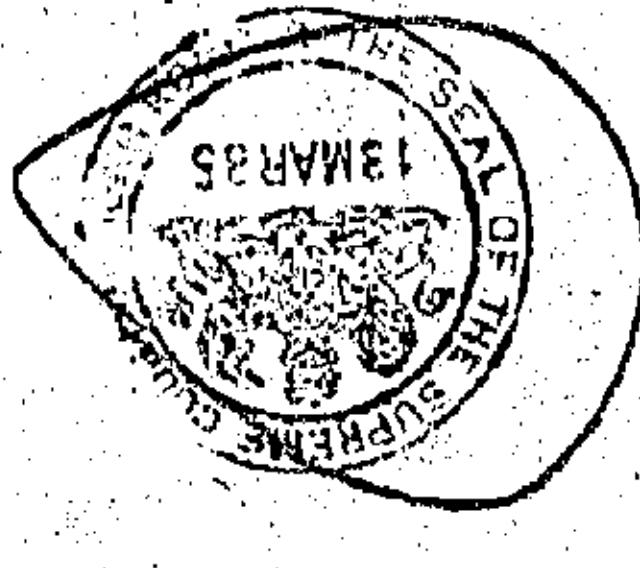


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Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

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Singapore, May 1, 1882. 266

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CORPORATION PURCHASED.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
MR. SASOON JACOB DAVID IN
our Firm in Bombay and China Ceased on
the 31st December last.

E. D. SASOON & CO.
Hongkong, March 14, 1885. 450

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Hongkong, July 25, 1884. 1246

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Incorporated on the fifth day of February,
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Singapore, May 1, 1882. 266

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NEW GOODS.

TEA TASTERS—POTS and CUPS.

Single and Double TIME GLASSES.

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New DECORATED TIN WASHSTANDS.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Tailors, Hatiers, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 432

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
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on

1st APRIL NEXT,

WHEN they propose selling STORES and other RETAIL ARTICLES at the lowest possible prices

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CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

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BOURGOLD TOM.

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CURACAO.

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BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

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MINER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

Messrs. TURNBULL, JR., and SOMERVILLE'S MALTESE CIGARETTES.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885.

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INSURANCES.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 2 per cent, net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

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THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883.

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THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

To Let.

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THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3n, CAINE ROAD. Possession from 1st January, 1885.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1884.

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STORAGE.

GODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in Commodious and well ventilated GODOWNS on his New Premises in DUDDLELL STREET, next to the CENTRAL BANK.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884.

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STORAGE.

GOODS taken on STORAGE at the GODOWNS, No. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL, at Moderate Rates.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

No. 4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885.

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TO LET.

N. 3, WEST TERRACE. Entry from 1st March.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 19, 1885.

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TO LET.

THE LARGE and COMMODIOUS HOUSE at Kowloon known as "Belvedere" with GARDEN and TENNIS COURTS attached. Entry at once.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1885.

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TO LET.

OFFICES or APARTMENTS in Suites, in STANLEY STREET, at the back of the Victoria Exchange.

Apply to HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, March 4, 1885.

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TO LET.

(With Possession 1st April.)

THE STORE at present occupied by W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1885.

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TO LET ON LEASE.

TENEMENTS:

Nos. 88 to 102, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

15 to 22, PRAYA.

14, TAI-WONG LANE.

27, TAI-WONG STREET.

26, SHIP STREET.

The Property will be put in thorough Repair. Entry from 1st April.

Tended to be lodged with the Under-signed on or before 20th March.

For further Particulars, apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1885.

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TO LET.

COLLEGE CHAMBERS' (late HOTEL DE UNIVERSITÉ), Single ROOMS or SUITES of APARTMENTS.

Nos. 4 and 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 25, PRAYA CENTRAL.

No. 41, GRAHAM STREET.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1884.

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Entertainment.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will give

A CONCERT, IN THE

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,

CITY HALL, HONGKONG,

TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 21st instant.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

'THE ROSE MAIDEN,'

(CANTATA BY FREDERIC COXON.)

THE CHINA MAIL.

The S. S. *Telmacus*, Captain Jones, which arrived here this forenoon from Shanghai, via Amoy, reports having seen the *Glenroy* and two French men-of-war at anchor S. W. of Gutalaff. At 5 p.m. on the 10th, the *Telmacus* encountered a thick fog, and had to come to anchor near the Ninepins, where she remained until 10 a.m. this morning, when the fog lifted and she proceeded on her way, after having been detained 17 hours.

It may be assumed that the proclamation issued by General Graham, summoning Osman Digna to surrender in order to avoid bloodshed, was not regarded by either side as likely to produce any beneficial result.

Osman Digna does not belong to the Manchester school of politics, and his reply, if he vouchsafed any, would not be that of peace-at-any-price. A large British force, aided by a workable line of railway, will do more to bring this chief to a better mind than a series of proclamations.

It may interest our readers to learn, on the authority of a correspondent of the *Pioneer*, that Major-General Cameron is rather of the advanced school and is not only rather wedded to his own opinions but is fond of expressing them, and this kind of man is not as a rule a personal protégé of the Horse Guards. There will probably be a protest against General Cameron, like General Dilston, getting a second turn of service to the detriment of the junior major-generals who will thereby incur the danger of being turned out for want of employment.

We understand that a meeting will be held on Sunday next, the 22nd instant, at 1 o'clock, in the hall of the Roman Catholic Mission House, Pottinger Street, for the purpose of discussing a proposal to organise an institution having for its objects:—

(1) The cultivation and development of natural talent and the intellectual and moral faculties of the members of the institution.

(2) The increase and diffusion of knowledge having a direct, immediate, and prospective bearing on commerce.

(3) The increase and diffusion of general knowledge.

The meeting will be held under the direction of Bishop Reinoudi and Father Burghignoli. It is to be trusted that an institution having such laudable objects as the above as its end will have an unqualified support from the members of the Roman Catholic community.

It is rumoured in Bangkok that the steamer *Bangkok* has been repurchased by the Siamese Government, and is destined to run homeward as a mail steamer between Bangkok and Saigon. If this rumour be confirmed, the statement made by us eight days ago that the King of Siam had distinctly refused to entertain the offer made by the Governor of Cochin-China to run a mail line between Saigon and Bangkok, on condition that the Siamese Government granted a postal subsidy, will be fully borne out, and will prove that the Government of Siam is possessed not only of spirit but independence. In connection with the Siamese postal service, it may be mentioned that a representative of the German Post Office is at present in Bangkok, making arrangements for Siam being included in the countries of the Postal Union. Possibly, the presence of this gentleman has something to do with the refusal of the offer of the Governor of Cochin-China.

fall to Mr. Martin, of the Royal Marines, and the fourth to Mr. Eastwood. Seven or eight competed.

Mr. Swales again made a most efficient Chairman, and, at the conclusion of the performance, every one went away apparently well satisfied with what was really a capital evening's entertainment.

In spite of the unpleasant weather during the evening the hall was as full as it could be, the audience comprising over three hundred and fifty, including civilians, and military and naval representatives.

COUNT Ito, General Saigo, and suite, were expected to arrive at Tientsin on the 12th instant.

WE (N.C.D. News) hear that a few days ago the French deposited thirteen coffins in the island of Pootoo.

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The steamers which have recently arrived at Shanghai from the Yangtze ports report that the Chinese men-of-war have again left Kiang-yin. The Alphabetic gunboats have been in hiding for some time.

It is stated that a White Elephant has been obtained at P'ratsabang, and will be sent on to Bangkok as speedily as possible. There will doubtless be the usual pompous demonstrations in connection with bringing it to Bangkok, conferring upon it a title and giving it a home in the vicinity of the palace.—*Siam Advertiser*.

If China possesses many men with public spirit like that exhibited by three of the officials of the Province of Shansi she should never be in the slightest difficulty as regards funds for war purposes. A recent issue of the *Peking Gazette* contains the following:—

A Memorial from the acting Governor of Shansi offering a humble tribute of thanks to His Majesty for having graciously permitted him to offer the allowance granted to the Governor of the province for the prevention of salt smuggling towards a modest contribution towards the military expenditure which is now pressing so hardly on the State.

He has now the honour to report that applications have been made to him from the Financial Commissioner and the Salt Intendant to the effect that it has been a constant source of grief to them that they have no households that they can break up and realise upon in order to testify in a humble degree their gratitude to His Majesty for the favours of which they have been the recipients, and they now beg that the allowances attached to the respective offices for the maintenance of a salt preventative service may be applied to military expenditure. These allowances amount in the aggregate to something near Tls. 6,000 yearly. A similar application has been made by the Prefect of Changsha Fu, and in submitting the above requests to His Majesty the Memorialist would respectfully observe that although the total of something less than Tls. 10,000 per annum which they represent is as a mere drop of water in a river, the aggregate of annual collections will be sufficiently appreciable to warrant the sanction of the request which has been made with all sincerity. There are three other prefectures in Hunan, viz.: Yo-chou, Ca'ang-chou and Ch'en-chou, to which similar allowances are granted, but the offer to forgo these allowances for the benefit of the State should be spontaneous of the authorities concerned. As soon as all the reports in answer to the Memorialist's instructions have been received, a general return shall be compiled for submission to His Majesty of the contributions offered.

THE CONVERSAZIONE OF THE SKETCHING CLUB.

Encouraged by the marked success of the Conversazion held last year, the Sketching Club again gathered their friends and sympathizers around them last night. As upon the previous occasion, the gathering took place in St. Andrew's Hall, which at an early hour was crowded with guests.

Among those present were their Excellencies the Governor, Admiral Dowell and J. H. Ferguson (Netherlands' Minister), Commodore and Mrs. Morant, Bishop Burdon, Hon. W. H. Marsh, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson, Colonel Graves and Mrs. Graves, Hon. W. Kewick, Hon. F. D. Sasseon, Hon. A. Lister, Mr. Justice Russell, Captain Pearson, (H.B.M.'s Audacious), nearly all the heads of departments, and a large assemblage of the leading residents of the Colony. The pictures catalogued were 164 in number, and, while some were of exceptional excellence, all the exhibits manifested a marked improvement upon the works collected together on the last occasion. It was plainly apparent to all present that the hosts of the evening had, during the interval, not only worked hard at their pleasing art, but had worked with accumulating success.

Not the least gratifying feature displayed by a glance at the names of the exhibitors was the fact that a goodly number of them were of ladies; among them being one or two very welcome additions. It is impossible to criticise the works of the fair artists, but we may be permitted to say that amongst the ladies Mrs. J. B. Coughtrie stood most prominent for the number and rare merit of her productions. In the field of oil-painting this lady may be said to have no rival in either sex. Amongst the piano, and not only gave great satisfaction and pleasure by her solos and accompaniments on that instrument, but also gave a charming rendering of that pretty ballad 'Cherry Ripe,' and took part in the duet, 'What are the wild waves saying,' which proved one of the most pleasing items of the evening. The character songs were capitally worked up and executed by our old friends Messrs. Swales, Gritten and Scott, and proved that considerable trouble had been taken in the 'get up' as well as in rehearsal. The local allusions in the duet by Messrs. Gritten and Swales proved to be veritable hits and were received with unanimous applause, even by some of those who might be supposed to be among those hard hit. We have not space to refer to all the items in the programme which was carried out without a hitch, many of the items eliciting encore.

The singing competition again brought out a good field of competitors for the four prizes offered. The first prize was won by Mr. Palmer, of the Royal Navy, who sang a most amusing parody upon the well-known melody 'Won't you tell me, Molly Darling.' Mr. Doe, who was awarded second prize, sang an extract from 'Trial by Jury,' playing his own accompaniment and proving his ability as a musician as well as a vocalist. The third prize

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The steamers which have recently arrived at Shanghai from the Yangtze ports report that the Chinese men-of-war have again left Kiang-yin. The Alphabetic gunboats have been in hiding for some time.

It is stated that a White Elephant has been obtained at P'ratsabang, and will be sent on to Bangkok as speedily as possible. There will doubtless be the usual pompous demonstrations in connection with bringing it to Bangkok, conferring upon it a title and giving it a home in the vicinity of the palace.—*Siam Advertiser*.

If China possesses many men with public spirit like that exhibited by three of the officials of the Province of Shansi she should never be in the slightest difficulty as regards funds for war purposes. A recent issue of the *Peking Gazette* contains the following:—

A Memorial from the acting Governor of Shansi offering a humble tribute of thanks to His Majesty for having graciously permitted him to offer the allowance granted to the Governor of the province for the prevention of salt smuggling towards a modest contribution towards the military expenditure which is now pressing so hardly on the State.

He has now the honour to report that applications have been made to him from the Financial Commissioner and the Salt Intendant to the effect that it has been a constant source of grief to them that they have no households that they can break up and realise upon in order to testify in a humble degree their gratitude to His Majesty for the favours of which they have been the recipients, and they now beg that the allowances attached to the respective offices for the maintenance of a salt preventative service may be applied to military expenditure. These allowances amount in the aggregate to something near Tls. 6,000 yearly. A similar application has been made by the Prefect of Changsha Fu, and in submitting the above requests to His Majesty the Memorialist would respectfully observe that although the total of something less than Tls. 10,000 per annum which they represent is as a mere drop of water in a river, the aggregate of annual collections will be sufficiently appreciable to warrant the sanction of the request which has been made with all sincerity. There are three other prefectures in Hunan, viz.: Yo-chou, Ca'ang-chou and Ch'en-chou, to which similar allowances are granted, but the offer to forgo these allowances for the benefit of the State should be spontaneous of the authorities concerned. As soon as all the reports in answer to the Memorialist's instructions have been received, a general return shall be compiled for submission to His Majesty of the contributions offered.

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The weather promises to be as bright and balmy to-morrow as the most fascinating could desire, and we have, therefore, every belief that the scene on and around our pretty little Cricket Ground will be as bright and gay as is wont at our athletic gathering. The events this year number three more than they did last year, but as the obstacle race, which usually occupied about half-an-hour, has been cut out and ordinary flat races have been introduced in its stead, it is probable that the programme will be completed in good time. The Sports will commence at 2 p.m. precisely, and it is intended, if possible, to commence the distribution of prizes at 5.40 p.m. Mrs. Sargent will award the prizes to the successful competitors of the races, &c., and Miss Sharp will present the 'Ladies' Purse' to the Captain of the winning team in the Tug-of-War.

The English and Scotch teams will probably be composed as follows:—

English:—Mr. C. E. Bowles (Captain), Lieut. G. G. H. D'Aeth, Mr. A. H. Jackson, Mr. E. R. Wood, Mr. H. Hayllar, Mr. G. C. C. Master, Mr. I. Hughes, and Mr. K. Leigh.

Scotch:—Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Captain), Mr. W. Ross, Inspector J. Lindsay, Mr. W. Aitchison, Sgt. Robertson, Major Cochran, Mr. Rae, and Mr. G. Stewart.

Among the Irish team will probably be Surgeon H. N. Thompson, Lieut. H. Case, Lieut. G. L. King-Harman, Dr. W. W. Pike, and Lieut. C. P. Lloyd.

We have not heard whether or not the German community will be represented.

A correspondent sends us the following tips:—

100 Yards.—(1) A. H. Jackson, (2) C. E. Holworthy.

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High Jump.—E. R. Wood.

Quarter Mile.—(1) C. E. Holworthy, (2) G. C. C. Master.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—C. S. Barff.

Vaulting Horse.—H. Hayllar.

Half-Mile Handicap.—(1) C. A. Lamont, (2) H. E. Tomkins.

Handicap Race.—(1) E. R. Wood, (2) C. S. Barff or E. Grinble.

Tug-of-War.—W. Watson Pike or S. R. Wood.

200-Yard Handicap.—G. Grinble.

300-Yard Handicap.—(1) G. Grinble, (2) C. A. Lamont.

Scotch team:

Veterans.—(1) J. J. Francis, (2) H. Ross.

(3) J. M. Geddes.

One Mile Flat Race.—(1) G. E. Holworthy.

(2) H. E. Tomkins, (3) H. Hayllar.

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